

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2005, claims 1, 9, 17, 18, and 22 have been amended. Claims 1-22 are in the case. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Tafoya et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,829,607).

The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection based on the amendments to the claims and the arguments below.

The Applicants' invention now includes in claims 1, 9, 17, 18, and 22 user options to allow user selection of a length of the list, user sorting of the list by recency and/or frequency, and user inclusion of received email addresses in addition to or instead of sent email addresses in the list.

In contrast, although Tafoya et al. disclose a system that "...automatically provides dynamically generated completion information for facilitating user input of email addresses or contact information," Tafoya et al. is missing the Applicants' claimed **user selection of a length of the list, user sorting of the list by recency and/or frequency, and user inclusion of received email addresses in addition to or instead of sent email addresses in the list.** For example, the completion information in Tafoya et al. is "...developed from a "data store" comprised of multiple data sources such as previously sent or received email..." and priorities are assigned automatically (see Abstract and col. 2, lines 44-56 of Tafoya et al.). As such, Tafoya et al. only allow some basic user configurability, but do not disclose the Applicants' claimed **user selection of a length of the list, user sorting by recency and/or frequency, and user inclusion in addition to or instead of sent email addresses.**

Hence, since the cited reference does not disclose all of the elements of the claimed invention, the reference cannot anticipate the claims. As such, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 should be withdrawn.

With regard to the rejection of the dependent claims, because they depend from the above-argued respective independent claims, and they contain additional limitations that are patentably distinguishable over the cited references, these claims are also considered to be patentable (MPEP § 2143.03).

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Thus, it is respectfully requested that all of the claims be allowed based on the amendments and arguments. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. Additionally, in an effort to further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicant kindly requests the Examiner to telephone the Applicant's attorney at (818) 885-1575.

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